

Mechanics, Hydrodynamics and Novel Design of composite marine risers with application on offshore hoses in the Offshore-Renewable industry

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PGR Talks at Science Week, April 2021

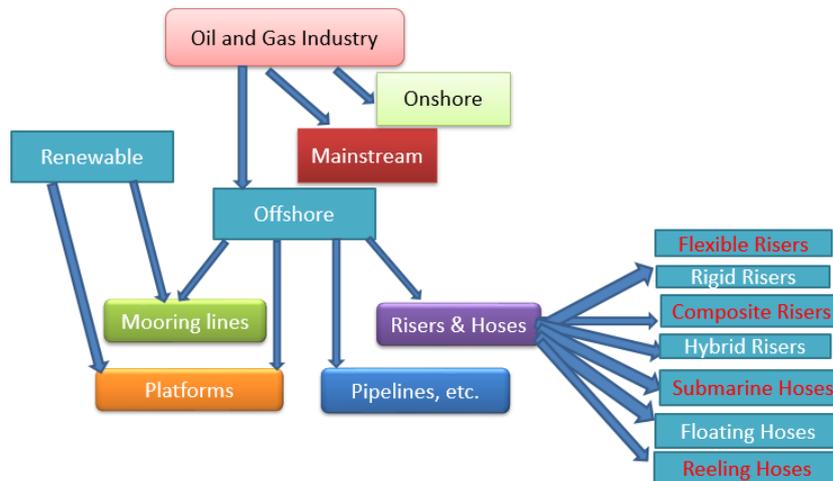
Friday April 16th 2pm – 3pm

Session Chair: [Debbie Costain](#)

| Time | Name | Title | Department |
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| 2:05 - 2:10 | Mark Ashton | Dual stimuli responsive materials in drug delivery | Chemistry |
| 2:10 - 2:15 | Victoria Obatusin | Resource recovery from waste- Optimizing anaerobic digestion to produce clean energy and safe organic fertiliser | LEC |
| 2:15 - 2:20 | Rupa Basu | Sub-THz Traveling Wave Tube for Ultra-Capacity Wireless Links | Engineering |
| 2:20 - 2:25 | Dhruv Trivedi | Back CO2 the future: the electrochemical reduction of Carbon Dioxide | Chemistry |
| 2:25 - 2:30 | Samantha Howlett | Estimating ecosystem functioning provided by parrotfish following a large-scale disturbance in French Polynesia | LEC |
| 2:30 - 2:35 | Eduardo Almeida Soares | Towards explainable Deep Neural Networks | SCC |
| 2:35 - 2:40 | Joe Roland Adams | Networks physics and cell metabolism in health and Covid-19 | Physics |
| 2:40 - 2:45 | Victor Chiemela Amaechi | Mechanics, Hydrodynamics and Novel design of composite marine risers with application on offshore hoses in the offshore-renewable industry | Engineering |
| 2:45 - 2:50 | Alexander Jung | Navigating the Unikernel Benchmarking and Performance Tuning Labyrinth with ukbench | SCC |
| 2:50 - 2:55 | Charlotte Entwistle | TBC | Psychology |
| 2:55 - 3:00 | Jonathan Hall | Surpassing Silicon: Transistors Beyond Moore's Law | Physics |

Brief on Research

Research Collaborations



- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China;
- Xidian University, China;
- Orcina, Ulverston, Cumbria;
- Bluewater Netherlands;
- Dunlop Oil and Marine, Grimsby, UK;
- Airborne Oil and Gas Netherlands;
- Magma UK;
- Siemens Ulverston, Cumbria;
- Composites UK;
- Coventry University, Coventry, UK;
- University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK.

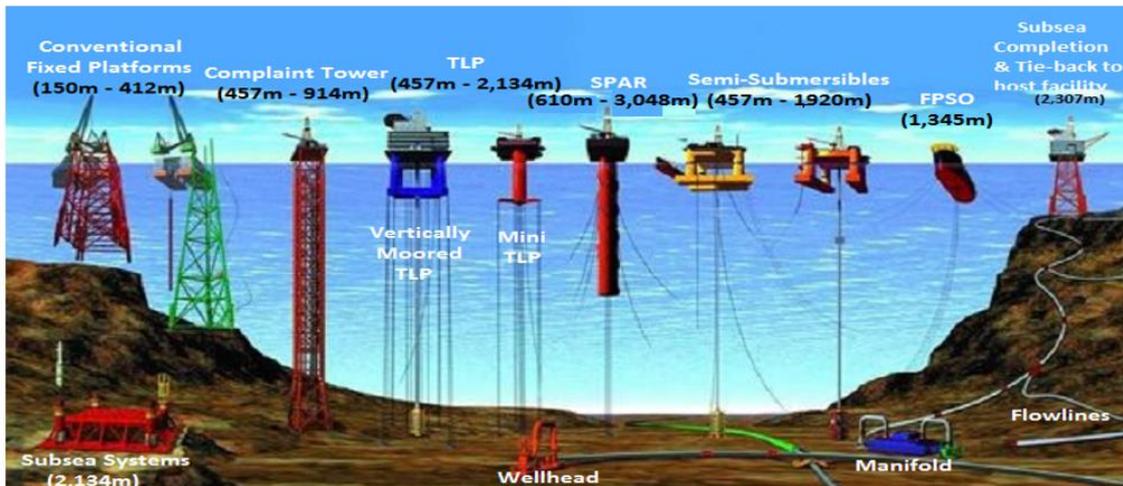
ABSTRACT

Currently, there are approximately 3,400 deepwater wells in the Gulf of Mexico (GoM) having depths greater than 150 meters, and a worldwide undiscovered deepwater reserves estimated to exceed 200 billion barrels and 25% of the total US reserves (BOEM, 2016), while others are in regions such as Angola, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, India, Morocco and the UK. The application of composite risers in offshore engineering for ultra-deep applications has been facing a lot of challenges, such as in West Africa and Gulf of Mexico. Presently, the steel catenary risers are used for deepwater applications requiring large diameter pipes, while the flexible while top-tensioned risers are used for shallow water applications, but composite riser technology used mostly for deepwaters, as this is an exciting frontier in the offshore industry as it provides a potential solution for future riser design challenges. This research involves hydrodynamic loading using ANSYS AQWA and modelling composite riser using Orcaflex to investigate the Riser Installation behaviour. The behaviour of composite risers is compared against the behaviour of top-tensioned steel risers with the main research focus on the motion characterization and the behaviour as regards the fatigue of composite materials, considering that composite materials are light-weight, combustible but not corrosive. ANSYS APDL and ANSYS ACP are used to model the composite materials and AS4/PEEK was first used considering the mechanical properties make it a good composite material for composite material. Some comparison is made with some research done on composite materials, and further studies is done on the fatigue analysis of the composite risers which is ongoing and specific attention is given on the applicability, and to present the design the local and global analysis, in other to reduce installation and maintenance costs. Recommendations from this will enable other industry specifications like ABS, DNV, API, EN and ISO on composite risers as currently they are limited codes and specifications on composite risers.

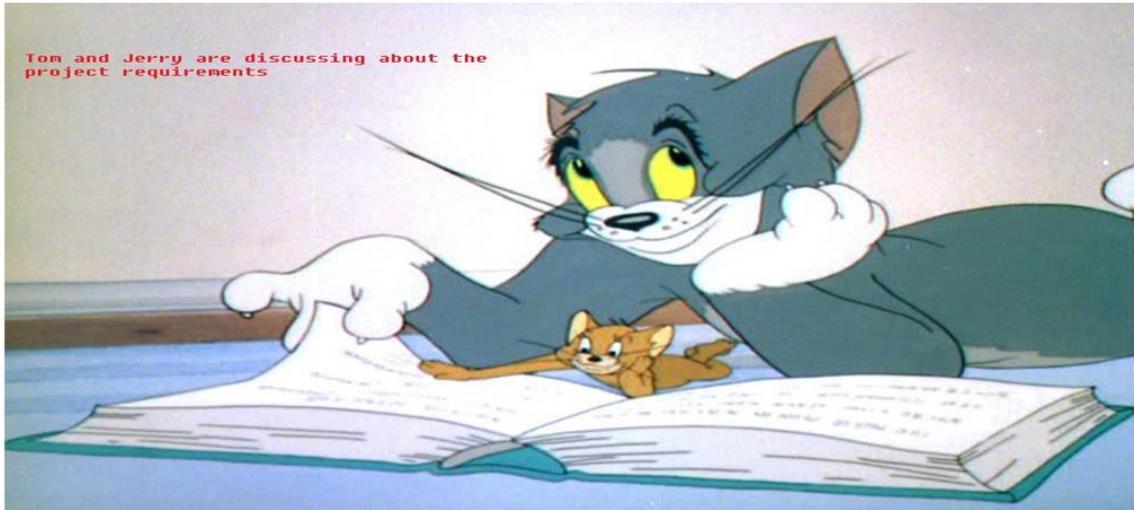
What do we get from this Industry?



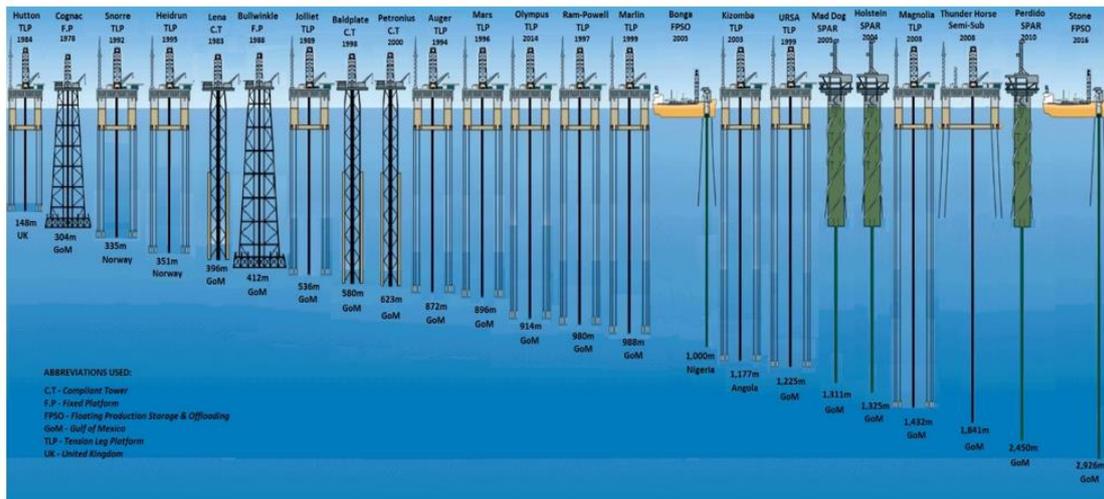
Deepwater systems, platforms & risers (NOAA)



Project Requirements



History of Offshore Deepwaters



Challenges with Oil and Gas Industry



Importance of Composite Risers

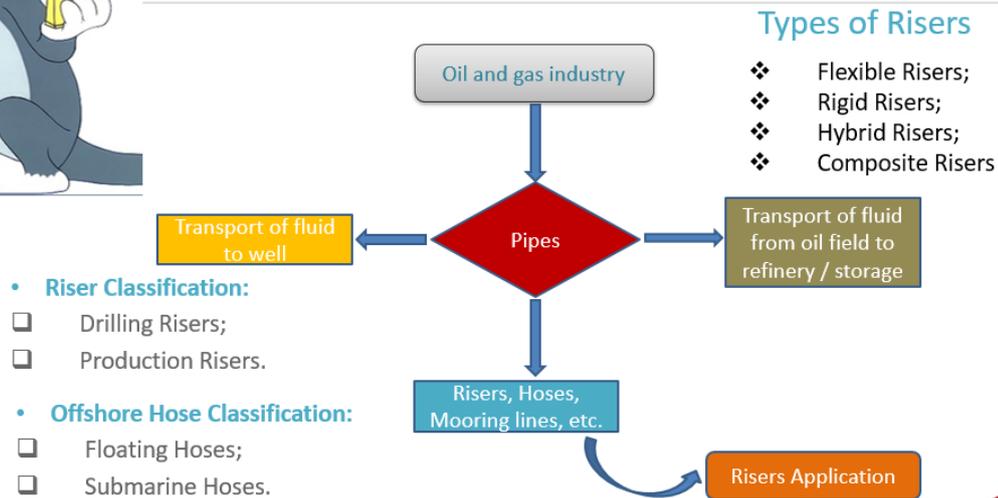
- Composites are light – High specific strength
- Can be formed into complex shapes
- Very good fatigue resistance claimed
- High corrosion resistance
- Maintenance cost is low
- Comparatively low axial and bending stiffness when compared to steel
- Potential ease of installation (i.e. Reeled pipe)
- Can be designed into desired form

Issues with Composite Risers

- Need more work due to more deep water needs
- Very expensive (high cost of material)
- Limited track record in the offshore industry but it has high applications in other industries
- Design codes, specifications and standards are limited as regards direct applicability to composite risers (recent ones by ABS and DNV have been introduced)
- Hard to inspect sub-laminar damage
- More design models on composite risers are needed on both the composite materials and composite riser structure



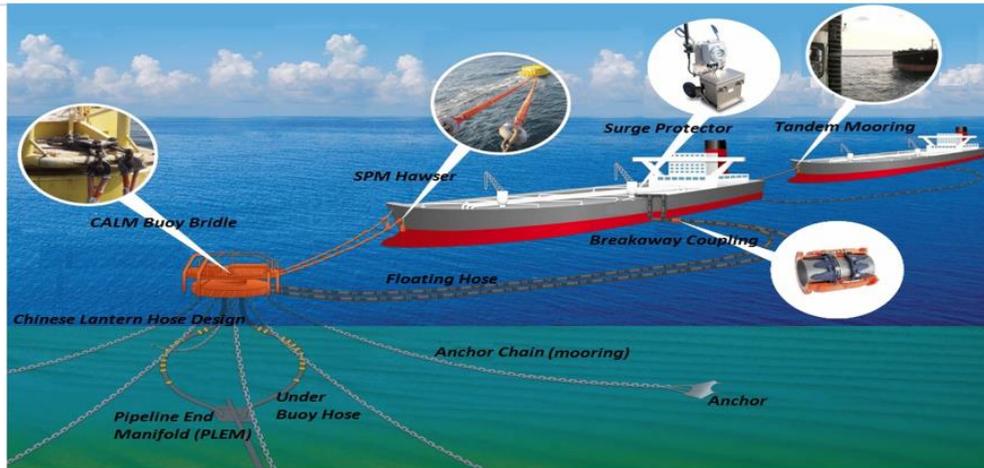
Development of Composite Risers / Pipes / Offshore Hoses



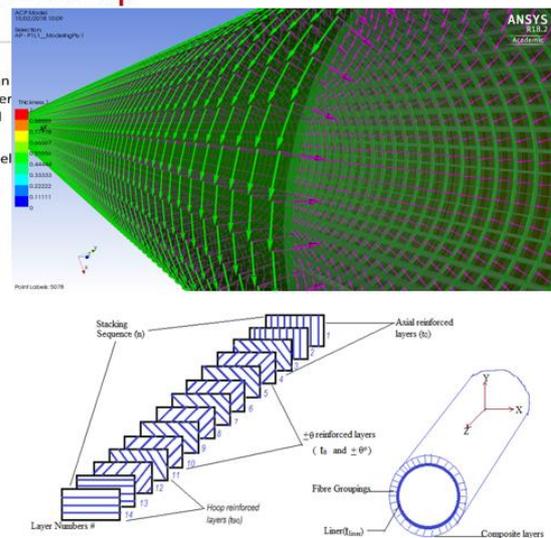
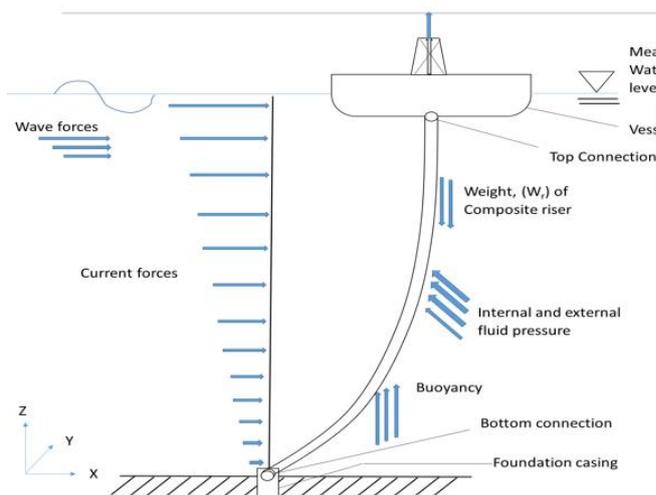
Challenge obtaining Industry Data



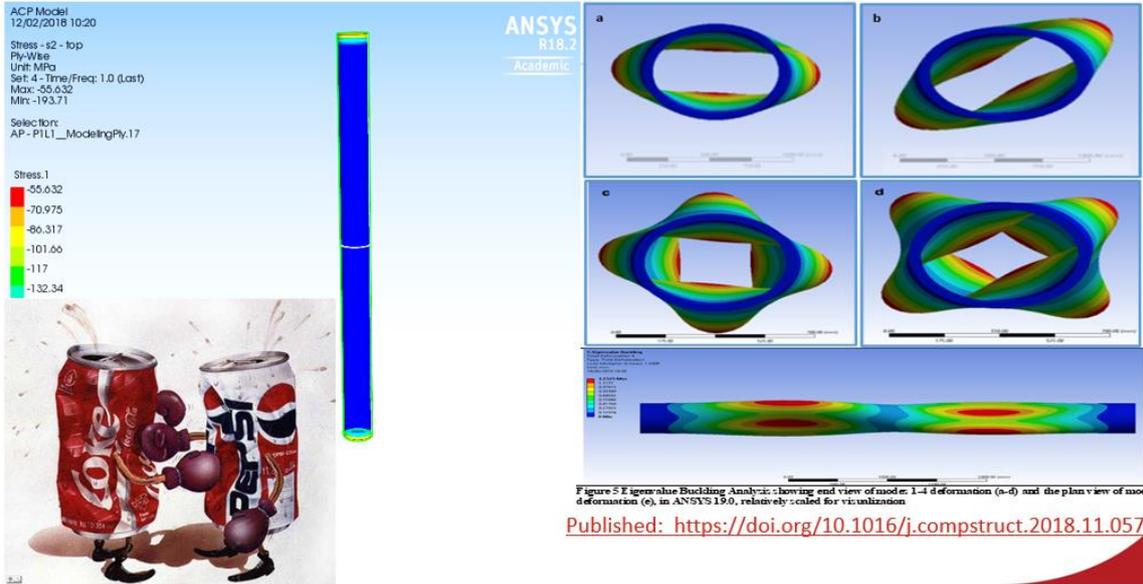
Industry Application: CALM Buoy-Chinese Lantern (courtesy SBM)



Loads on composite risers & Stack-up

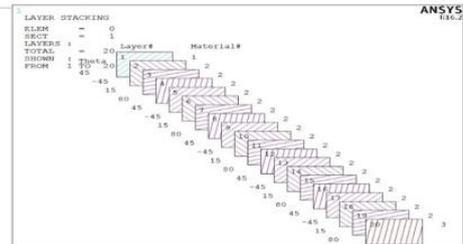


Stress and Buckling of Composite Riser



For Composite Riser Design

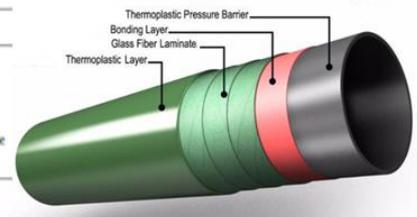
- Metal Composite Interface (MCI)
 - End-Fitting,
 - Liners,
 - Resins
 - Composite Riser Pipe
- Riser Load Categories (DNV, 2010)
- Functional loads,
 - Environmental loads,
 - Accidental loads, and
 - Pressure loads.



Design load cases for composite riser

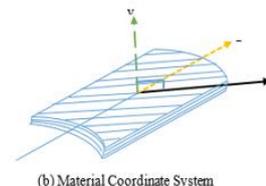
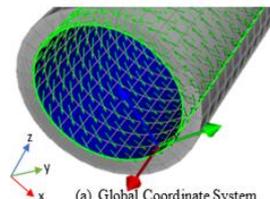
| Load Case | Name | Description |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Load Case 1 | Burst Case with end load effect | An internal pressure of 155.25 MPa is applied |
| Load Case 2 | Collapse Case | An external pressure of 60 MPa is applied |
| Load Case 3 | Pure Tension Case | The load factor of 2.25 with maximum tension |
| Load Case 4 | Internal Pressure and Tension Case | An internal pressure of 155.25 MPa is applied on the tension |
| Load Case 5 | External Pressure and Tension Case | The load factor of 2.25 is applied on 19.5 MPa external pressure |
| Load Case 6 | Buckling Case | An external pressure of 60 MPa is applied |

Parametric Composite Riser lay-up



Parameters for composite riser

| Parameter | Value |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Length of Riser (m) | 3 |
| Outer Diameter (m) | 0.3048 |
| Surface Area (m ²) | 7.6605 |
| Number of Layers | 18 |
| Water Depth (m) | 2000 |



Mechanical Properties of the liner

| Material | Density (kg/m ³) | E ₁ (GPa) | E ₂ = E ₃ (GPa) | G ₁₂ = G ₁₃ (GPa) | G ₂₃ (GPa) | σ ₁ ^T (GPa) | σ ₁ ^C (GPa) | σ ₂ ^T (GPa) | σ ₂ ^C (GPa) | τ ₁₂ (GPa) | ν ₁₂ = ν ₁₃ | ν ₂₃ |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| AS4/PEEK (APC2) | 1561 | 131 | 8.7 | 5.0 | 2.78 | 1648 | 864 | 62.4 | 156.8 | 125.6 | 0.28 | 0.48 |
| IM7/PEEK (APC2) | 1320 | 172 | 8.3 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 2900 | 1300 | 48.3 | 152 | 68 | 0.27 | 0.48 |
| P75/PEEK (APC2) | 1773 | 280 | 6.7 | 3.43 | 1.87 | 668 | 364 | 24.8 | 136 | 68 | 0.30 | 0.69 |
| AS4/Epoxy (938) | 1530 | 135.4 | 9.37 | 4.96 | 3.2 | 1732 | 1256 | 49.4 | 167.2 | 71.2 | 0.32 | 0.46 |
| P75/Epoxy (938) | 1776 | 310 | 6.6 | 4.1 | 2.12 | 720 | 328 | 22.4 | 55.2 | 176 | 0.29 | 0.70 |
| Glass fibre/Epoxy (S-2) | 2464 | 87.93 | 16.0 | 9.0 | 2.81 | 4890 | 1586 | 55.0 | 148 | 70 | 0.26 | 0.28 |
| Carbon fibre/Epoxy (T700) | 1580 | 230 | 20.9 | 27.6 | 2.7 | 4900 | 1470 | 69 | 146 | 98 | 0.2 | 0.27 |

Local design cases

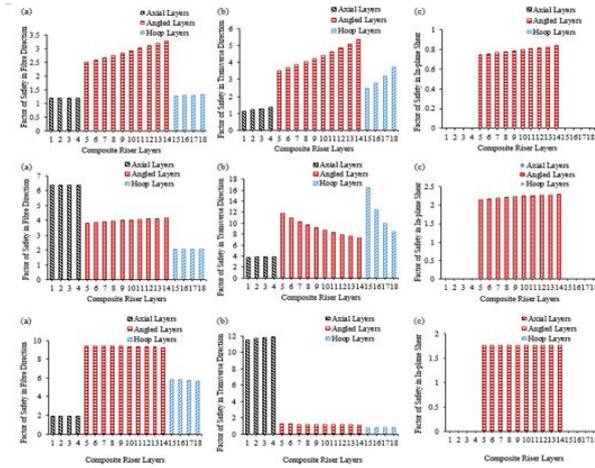


Figure 4 Factor of Safety profiles for the layers of the composite riser using ASA/Epoxy and titanium liner with $[0_x, (±53.5)_y, 90_x]$ configuration under: i) burst load case in (a) Fibre Direction, (b) Transverse Direction, (c) In-plane Shear Direction; ii) collapse load case in (a) Fibre Direction, (b) Transverse Direction, (c) In-plane Shear Direction; and iii) pure tension load case in (a) Fibre Direction, (b) Transverse Direction, (c) In-plane Shear Direction.

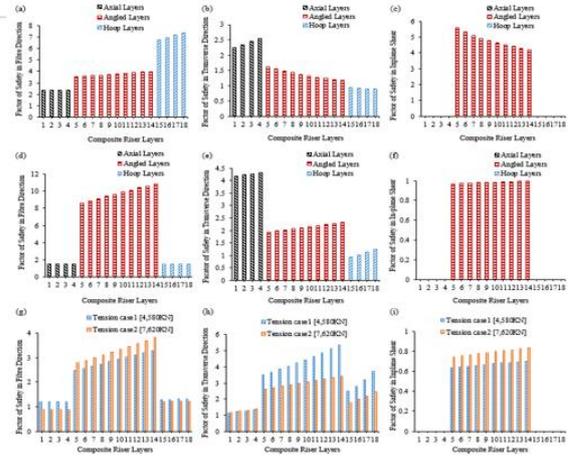
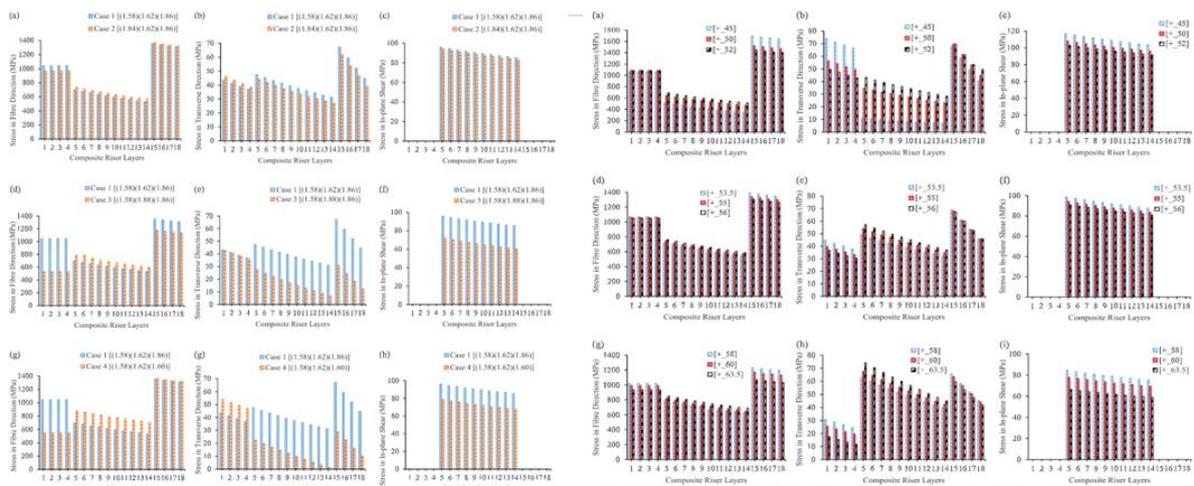


Figure 5 Factor of Safety profiles for the layers of the composite riser configured with ASA/Epoxy and Aluminium liner in $[0_x, (±53.5)_y, 90_x]$ configuration under: i) tension with internal pressure load case using titanium liner in (a) Fibre Direction, (b) Transverse Direction, (c) In-plane Shear Direction; ii) tension with external pressure load case using titanium liner in (d) Fibre Direction, (e) Transverse Direction, (f) In-plane Shear Direction; iii) tension with end load effect using aluminium liner to investigate the effect of tension force during installation in (g) Fibre Direction, (h) Transverse Direction, (i) In-plane Shear Direction.

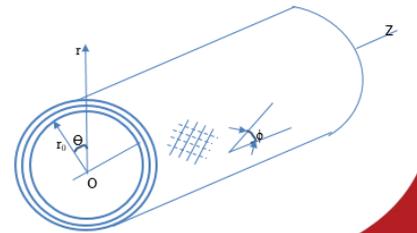
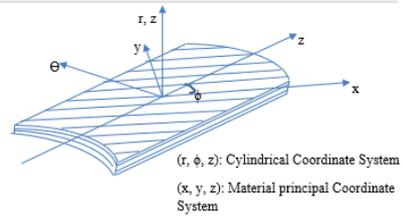
Parametric studies-thickness & fibre angles



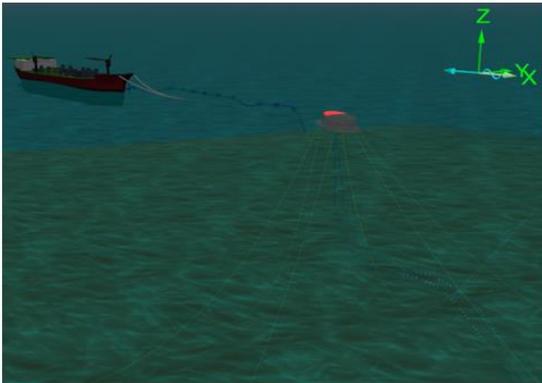
ASA/Epoxy and Aluminium liner with $[0_x, (± 53.5)_y, 90_x]$ configuration of composite riser on the effect of: (i) the axial layer thickness in (a) Fibre Direction, (b) Transverse Direction, (c) In-plane Shear Direction; (ii) the off-axis layer thickness in (d) Fibre Direction, (e) Transverse Direction, (f) In-plane Shear Direction; (iii) the hoop layer thickness in (g) Fibre Direction, (h) Transverse Direction, (i) In-plane Shear Direction.

Optimisation Summary

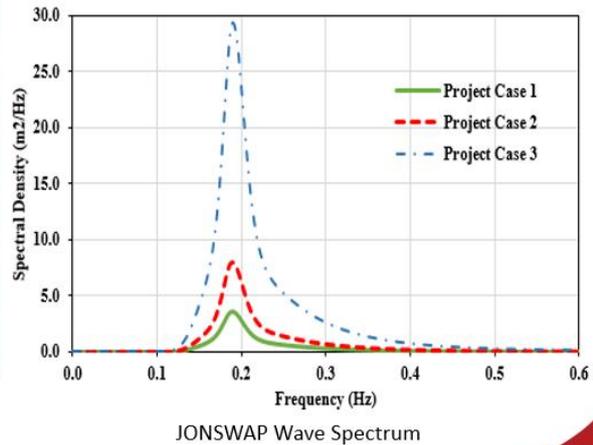
| Optimisation | Impact on the Design |
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| Decrease axial laminae orientation | There is noticeable reduction in the tensile stresses in fibre direction under the pure tension load case. The axial fibres have an increase in the stresses in the in-plane shear component. |
| Decrease hoop laminae orientation | There is noticeable reduction in the tensile stresses in fibre direction. The hoop fibres have an increase in the stresses in the in-plane shear component. |
| Increase off-axis laminae orientation | There is redistribution of stress. The equivalent stress in the liner decreases. Maximum stress in the fibre direction in both the hoop and axial layers slightly change in non-critical off-axis laminae. |
| Increase axial layer thickness | Reduction in the equivalent stress in the liner. Reduction in the maximum stress in the fibre direction of the hoop layers. Maximum stress in the transverse direction of the axial layers decrease. |
| Increase hoop layer thickness | Reduction in the equivalent stress in the liner. Maximum stress in the fibre direction of the hoop layers decrease. Maximum stress in the transverse direction of the axial layers decrease. |
| Iteratively decrease liner and hoop laminae thickness | The equivalent stress in the liner increases to a value slightly below the allowable stress of the aluminium liner. There is an increase in the maximum stresses in both the fibre direction and transverse direction to within 97% and 99% of the corresponding allowable stresses, respectively. |



JONSWAP Spectrum for the 3 Environmental Project Cases

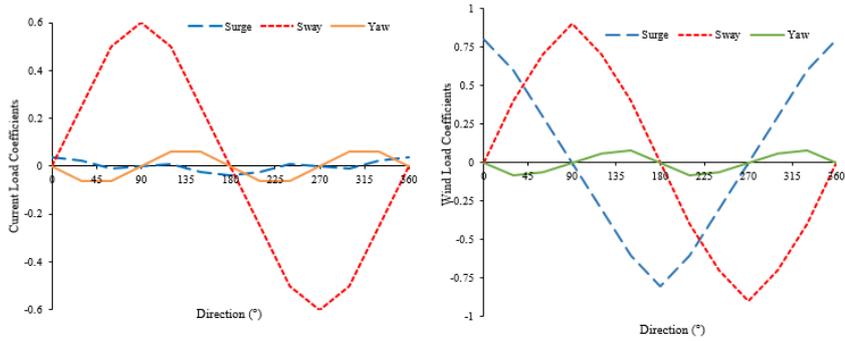


Coupled analysis of offloading system with hoses



JONSWAP Wave Spectrum

Current and Wind



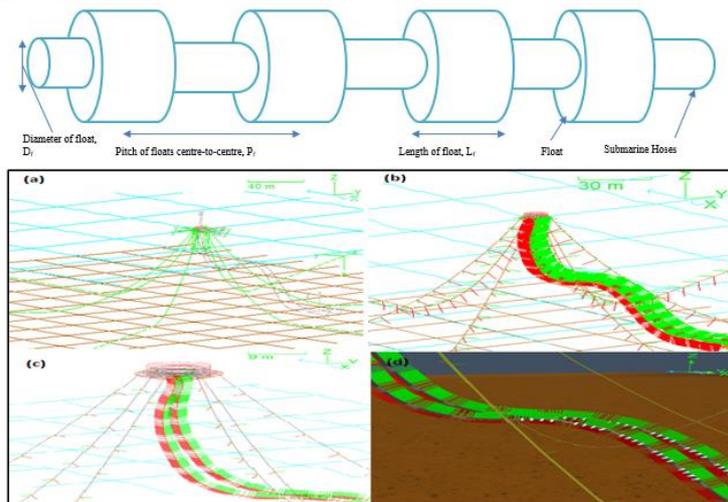
Current Load Coefficient for CALM buoy

Wind Load Coefficient for CALM buoy

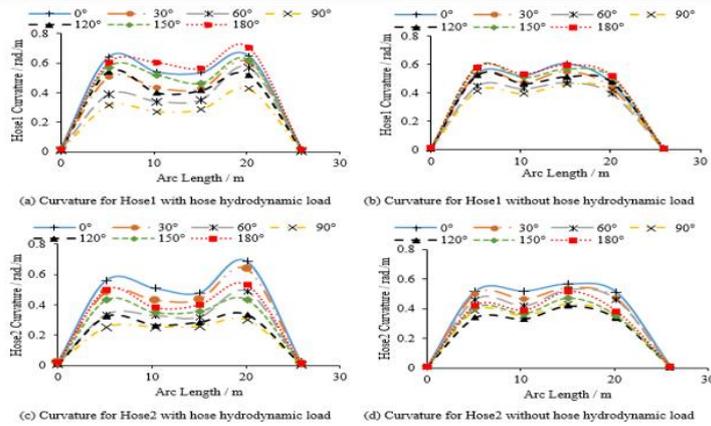
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Typical floats attached to submarine hoses



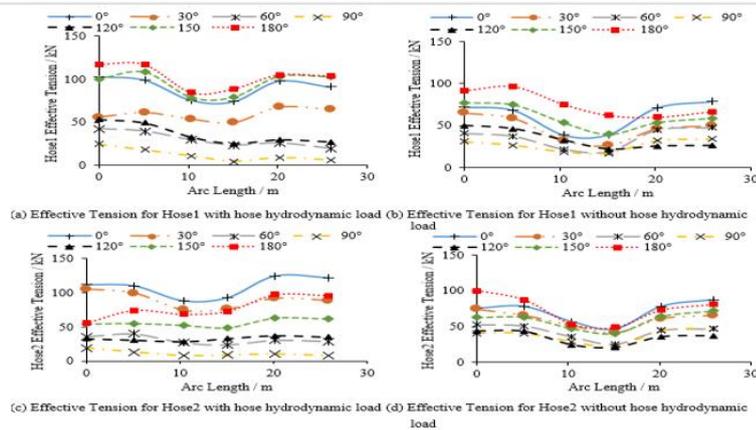
Effect of RAOs on curvature



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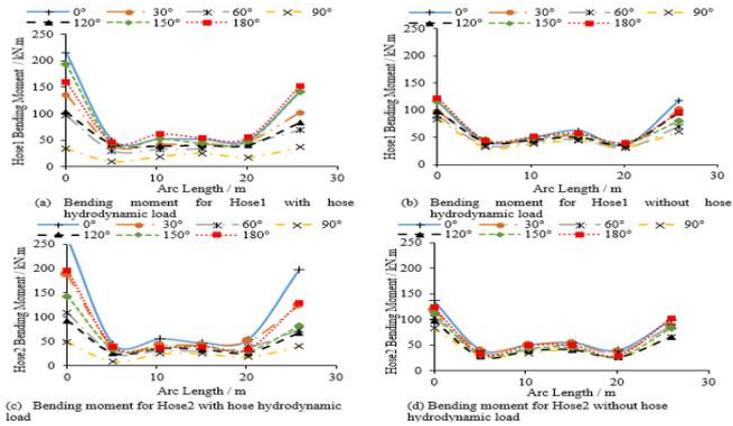
Effect of RAOs on effective tensions



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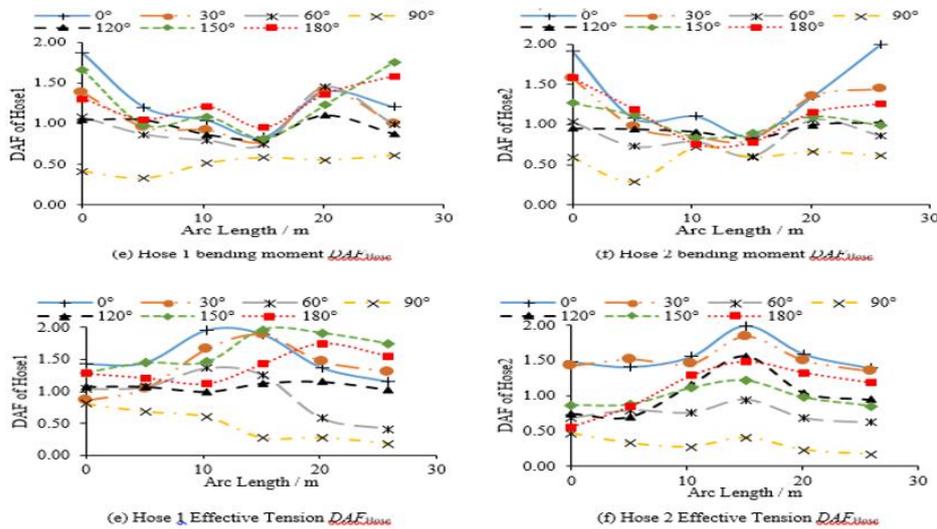
Effect of RAOs on bending moments



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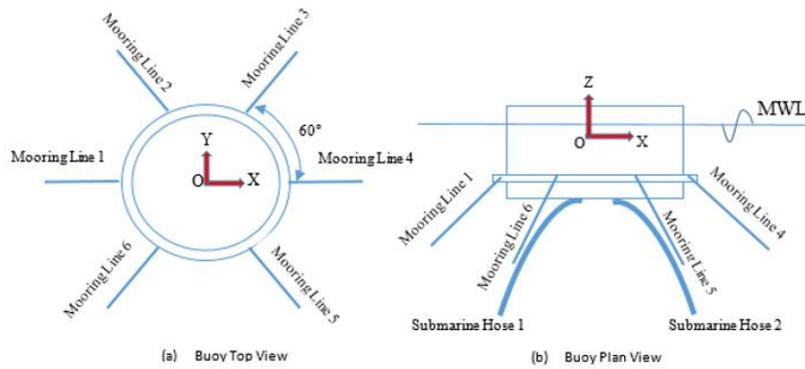
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DAF of hose bending moment & eff. tension



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Local Coordinate System for Buoy in Chinese-lantern configuration on flat seabed with Mooring Lines in (a) buoy top view (b) buoy plan view



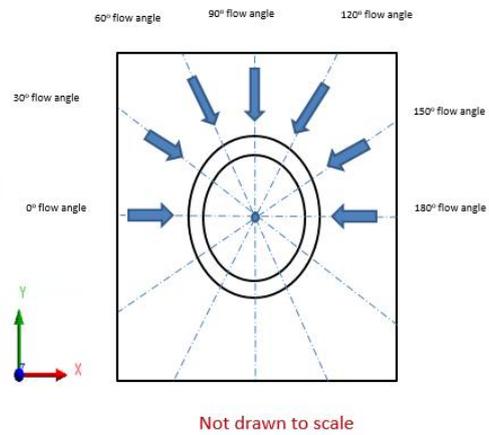
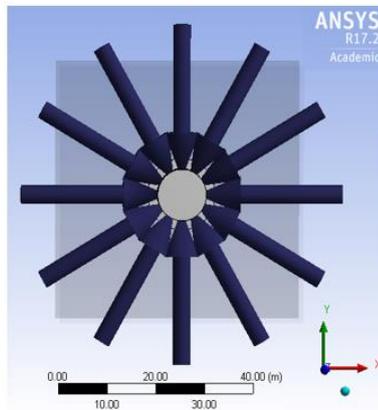
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Experimental work on submarine hose using CALM buoy model on Lancaster University Wave Tank

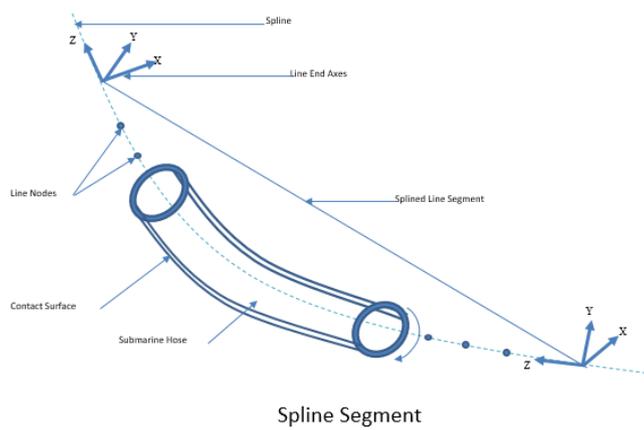
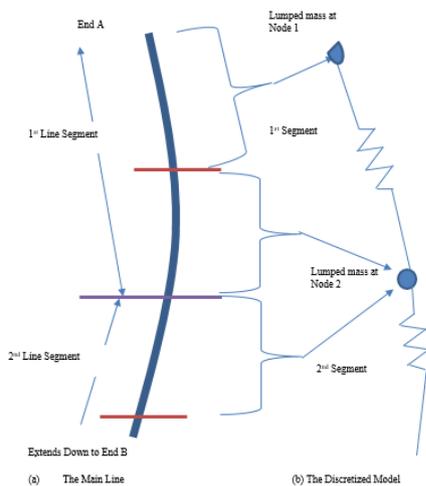


(images taken using Underwater camera, from different views)

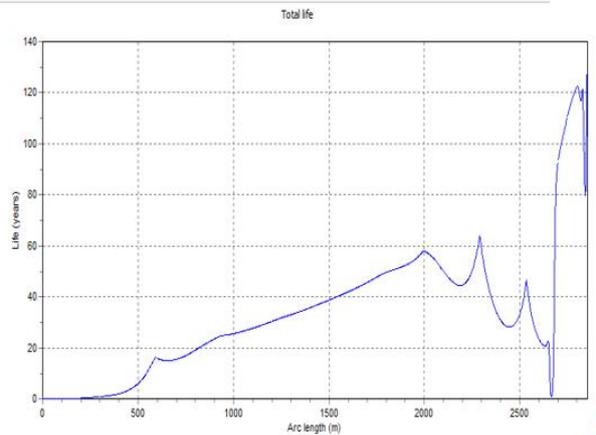
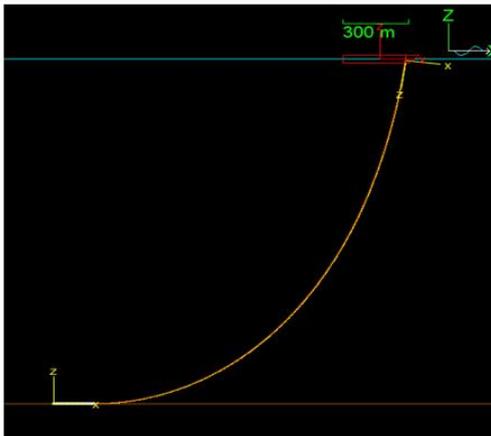
Wave Angles & Flow Angles



Orcaflex Line Model (Reproduced, courtesy: Orcina, 2014)



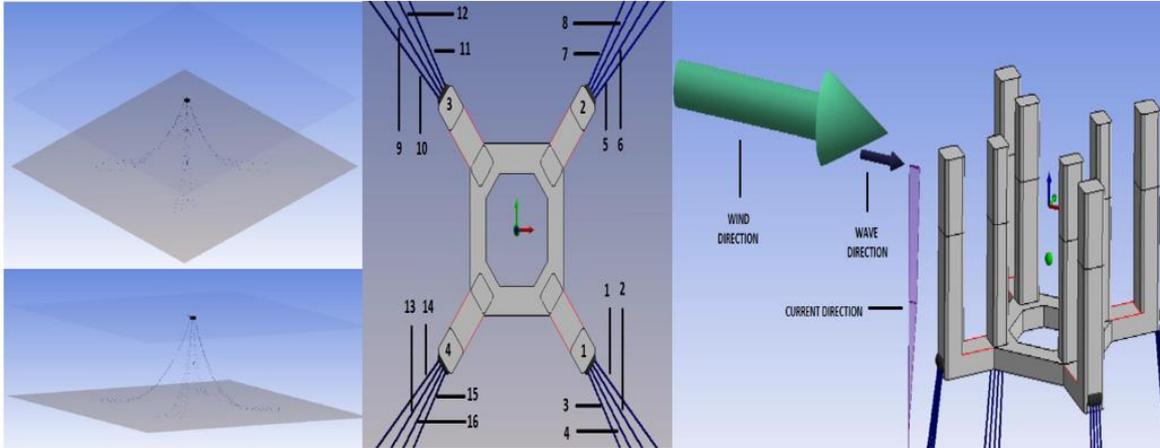
Fatigue Analysis of Flexible Riser System



Wave Forces on Offshore Structures

- Offshore structures are subject to various loads. These loads include the wave forces, currents forces, tension forces, etc.
- The behaviour of an offshore structure is subject to diffraction forces. This leads to hydrodynamics study. The principle of this originates from Morison's Equation.
- Waves can either be Regular or Irregular. An example of Regular waves is Dean Stream Wave; For Irregular wave is JONSWAP.
- Different wave theories can be applied, depending on the ocean condition. They have different properties too.
- An example is the Linear Wave Theory. This is used in Froude-Krylov forces, which assumes that pressure field is undisturbed and is applied for diffraction analysis of offshore structures.

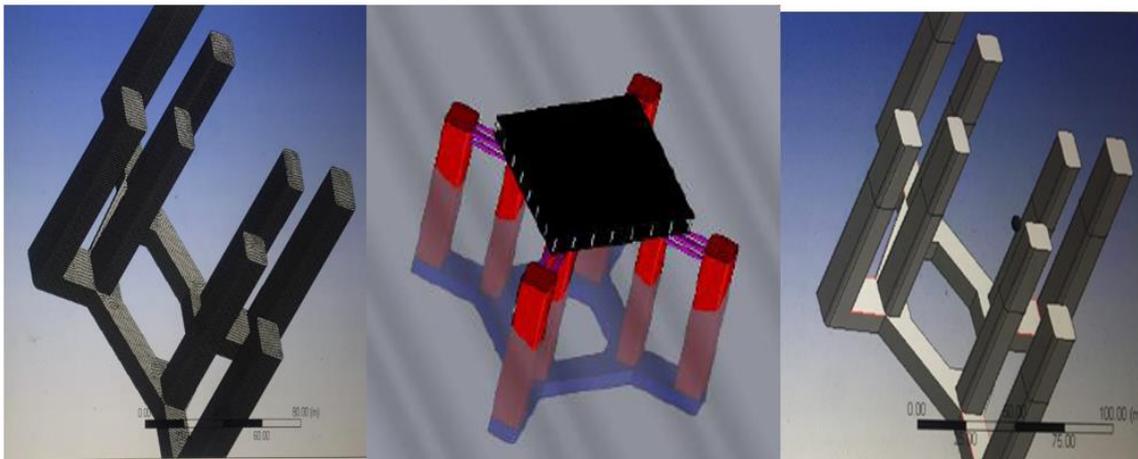
Mooring Design of PC SemiSub



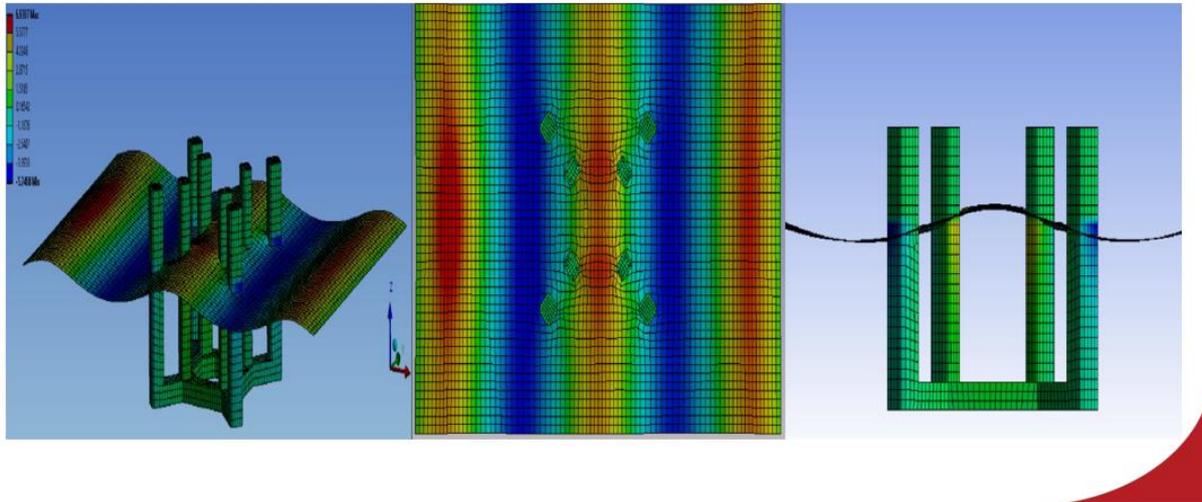
Hydrodynamic Domain of arrangement of Moorings

Hydrodynamic Model - Wind, Wave & Current

Hydrodynamic Model & Kinematics of Paired Column Semisub



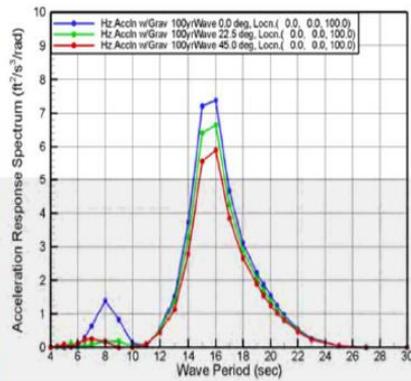
Pressures & Motions Profile of PC SemiSub



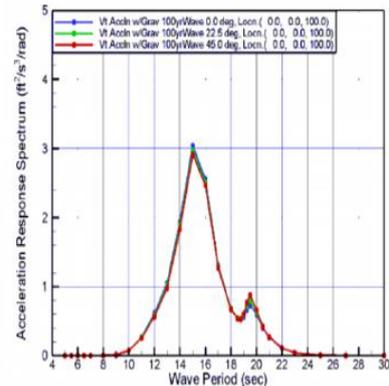
Results from Experiment on Wave Tank



Validation Results



Horizontal Acceleration Response



Vertical Acceleration Response

Brief on composite risers project

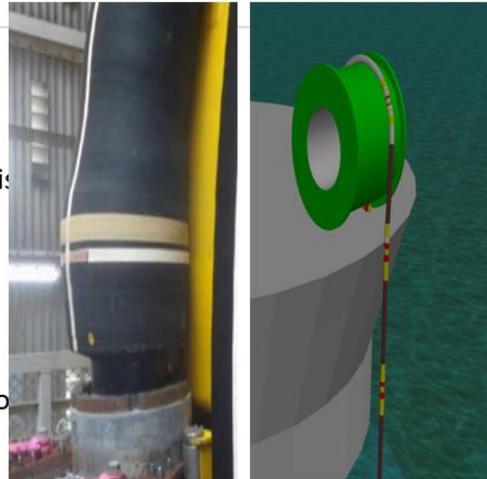
- Current trend in oil and gas led to more technologies
 - Need for lighter materials led to the need for composites
 - Composites have high strength and light weight properties that can be harnessed in the offshore industry;
 - Composite materials can be modeled using softwares and codes -ANSYS ACP;
 - Composite Materials have advantages which could be utilised in the offshore riser application to improve riser technology;
 - Research on Composite Risers have been on for about 27 years;
 - Companies like Airborne and Magma have successful applications of composite pipes and composite risers;
 - More collaboration needed- industry, academia, stakeholders
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KeyPoints of Composite Risers

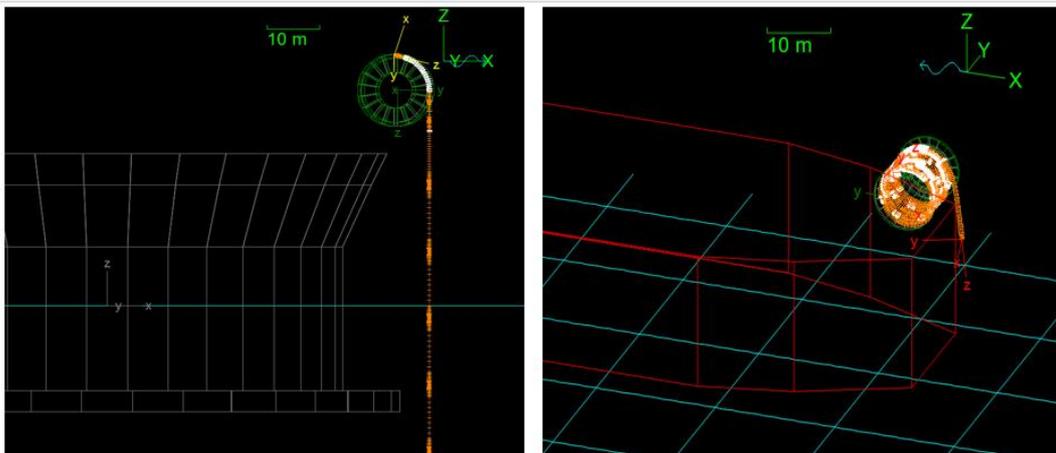
- First time composite risers were successfully deployed was in 1995 on Heidrun Platform;
 - Composites have high strength and light weight properties that can be harnessed in the offshore industry;
 - Composite materials can be modeled using softwares and codes -ANSYS ACP;
 - Composite Materials offer a range of benefits which could be utilised in the offshore riser application to improve riser technology;
 - Research on Composite Risers have been on for about 27 years;
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Procedure

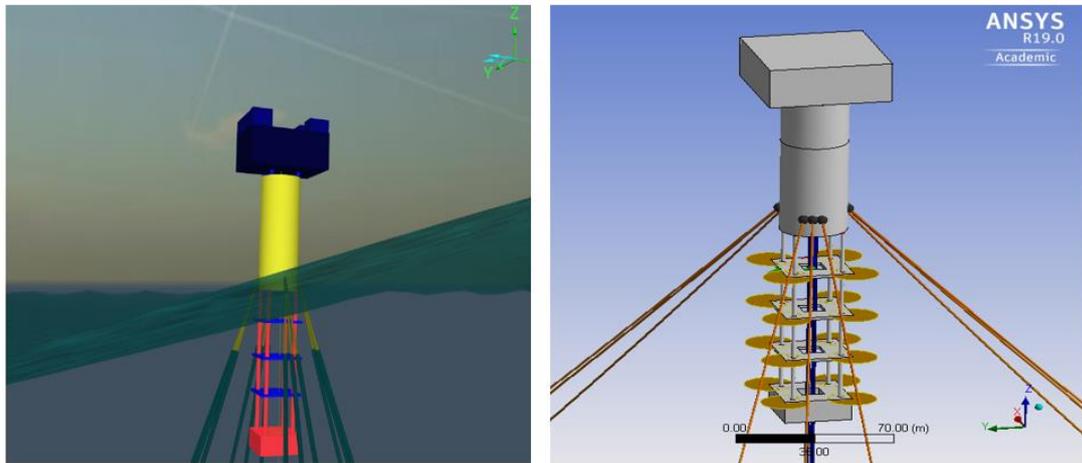
- Stage 1: A reeling analysis will be developed in OrcaFlex to determine the directional connection forces and bending moments (maximums) on each riser section.
- Stage 2: CAD model of the riser in its curved shaped taken as drum curvature; i.e., the riser is assumed to be completely supported by the drum. CAD model should identify fitting and rubber interface, as well as different layers of the composite riser.
- Stage 3: FEA model using Ansys Structural. (Material properties of each layer will be provided, including the geometric parameters of each riser section)



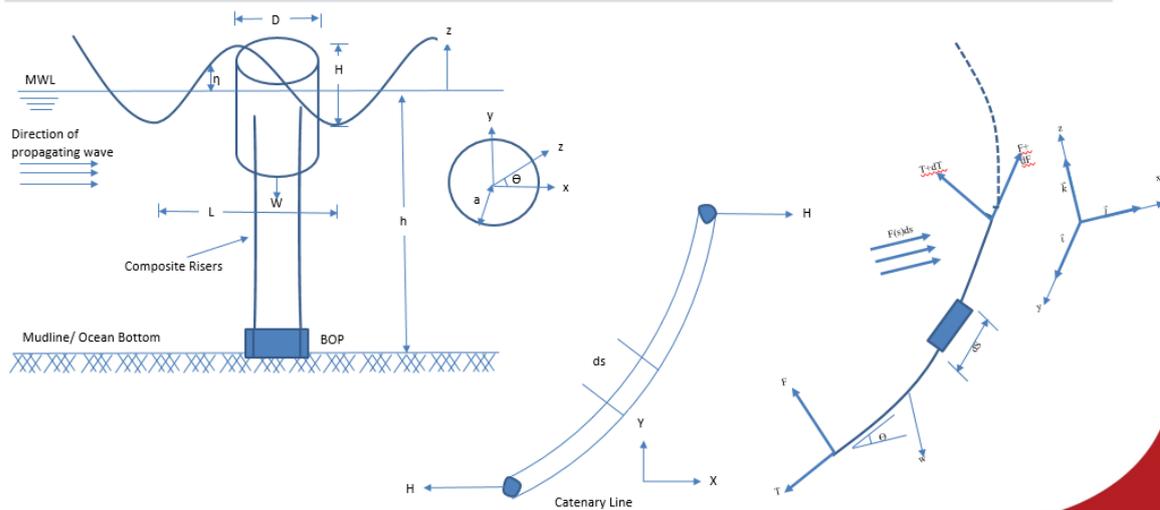
Constraints on Reel Hose



Global Design on SPAR in Orcaflex



Sketch of risers on SPAR design



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